

SECOND REGULAR SESSION
HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 1695
91ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Reported from the Committee on Critical Issues, Consumer Protection and Housing, April 9, 2002, with recommendation that the House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 1695 Do Pass.

TED WEDEL, Chief Clerk

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AN ACT

To repeal section 376.1219, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to health insurance coverage for PKU and inherited diseases.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 376.1219, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 376.1219, to read as follows:

376.1219. 1. Each policy issued by an entity offering individual and group health insurance which provides coverage on an expense-incurred basis, individual and group health service or indemnity type contracts issued by a nonprofit corporation, individual and group service contracts issued by a health maintenance organization, all self-insured group health arrangements to the extent not preempted by federal law, and all health care plans provided by managed health care delivery entities of any type or description, that are delivered, issued for delivery, continued or renewed in this state on or after September 1, 1997, shall provide coverage for formula **and low protein modified food products** recommended by a physician for the treatment of a patient with phenylketonuria or any inherited disease of amino and organic acids.

2. **For purposes of this section, "low protein modified food products" means foods that are specifically formulated to have less than one gram of protein per serving and are intended to be used under the direction of a physician for the dietary treatment of any inherited metabolic disease. Low protein modified food products do not include foods that are naturally low in protein.**

3. The health care service required by this section shall not be subject to any greater

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

16 deductible or co-payment than other similar health care services provided by the policy, contract
17 or plan.

18 [3.] 4. This section shall not apply to a supplemental insurance policy, including a life
19 care contract, accident-only policy, specified disease policy, hospital policy providing a fixed
20 daily benefit only, Medicare supplement policy, long-term care policy, or any other supplemental
21 policy as determined by the director of the department of insurance.